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MORE than 1,000 runners turned Luton's Wigmore Valley Park into a rainbow as they got covered from head to toe in colourful powder for charity.

It was the town's biggest 5k Colour Dash yet as runners of all ages set off from the starting line last Sunday.

than £52,000 for Keech Hospice so far - a big jump from the £37,500 raised last year - with sponsorship money still coming in thick and fast.

Mark Relf, the hospice's regional and events fundraising manager, said: "We expect more money to come through so we could even hit £60,000 but we won't know for sure until all of the sponsorship money has come in."

# Two in dock for Atul murder

**BY KATY HALLAM** 

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A MAN was bound, beaten and had chemicals poured on him by two men after his 'drugs and money', a jury has heard.

Forty-seven-year-old Atul Shah died from multiple injuries some-time between 4am and 6am on January 6, Luton Crown Curt heard Thursday.

Mr Shah had his hands and feet bound with a scarf, before being beaten on his head with an exercise dumbbell and having chemicals poured over him, it was claimed.

It was also claimed he was growing cannabis plants at his home.

Stuart Trimmer QC told the jury one of his teeth was discovered on the floor of his Crescent Road flat in Luton. A post mortem examination found three other teeth in his stom-

Two men, Kyle Pitchford-Price, 23, of Dovehouse Hill, Luton and Luke West, 23, of Abbots Wood Road, Luton plead not guilty to murder. Mr

Luton plead not guilty to murder. Mr West pleads guilty to manslaughter. Opening the case, Stuart Trimmer QC alleged the pair went to his flat, together with Mr Pitchford-Price's grilfriend, Corrina Armstrong, 21, also of Dovehouse Hill, and Callum Holton, 19, of Milton Road, Luton to steal the drugs and other valuables.

All four plead not guilty to con-

spiracy to rob Mr Shah. Mr Trimmer told the jury it was Mr Pitchford-Price and Mr West who entered the flat and attacked the victim, after-wards going to the Luton flat of 56-year-old Brian Edge, stepfather of Luke West, to 'clean up' and remove

The prosecutor told the jury Mr Pitchford-Price and Mr West were guilty of murder, adding: "They were both in it together."
Following their arrest Mr Pitchford-

Price and his girlfriend claimed they were together in bed at the time of the alleged murder.

But Mr Trimmer told the court the day after the attack Mr West heard to tell co-defendant Callum

Holton that he had only hit Mr Shah twice, but that Mr Pitchford-Price had been smashing him in the face

with a dumbbell.
Mr Pitchford-Price, Mr Holton and Miss Armstrong deny a charge of conspiracy to commit a burglary at Mr Shah's flat. Mr West pleads guilty to the offence.

Mr Edge denies assisting an offender by making his home available to

the other defendants to clean up and doing an act tending or intended to pervert the course of public justice.

Mr Pitchford-Price and Miss Armstrong plead guilty to an offence of conspiracy to do an act tending or intended to pervert the course of public justice. public justice.



VICTIM: Atul Shah



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# image of the week



ON THE BEAT: Bedfordshire Police's Community Cohesion team were awarded first place for the most original costume in Luton's Carnival parade this week. They teamed up with pupils at Hillborough Junior School for the eye-catching float, which saw officers, cadets and students dress up as police hats.

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#### Going on holiday is getting even harder

THIS time two weeks ago I was on a boat. Surrounded by the tranquil waters of the Norfolk Broads, I woke to the quacking of ducks and the rustling of trees overhead

I made a cup of tea using our stove kettle and sat on the bank watching the sun come up. It wasn't a bad start to the day.

But before long I was wondering who had made it to the final two of the Tory leadership race. Then, because it was a Sunday, I began wondering how the paper had shaped

up in my absence.
Then I began thinking about the hundreds of emails which would be waiting for me on my return. Should I turn my phone on now and knock a few off the list?
'Switching off' is as much a physical as it

is mental achievement.
In reality, others are ok with not being able

to get hold of us, or get an instant response. Speaking to friends and colleagues, I think most would agree the struggle is a personal

It's about not thinking of Monday and. instead, making the most of Sunday. So enjoy your read this week.

# £40m plans for university

BY JAMES AVERILL

PLANS have been revealed for a new £40million building for teaching and research at the University of Bedfordshire's campus in Luton.

The four-storey building, which is due for completion by 2018, would devoted to STEM subjects - Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

The building would be located on Park Street in the town centre, and allow the University to offer a range of new science courses including Pharmacy, Nutrition, Physics, Biochemistry, Chemistry. Geology and Mechanical Engineering.

It will also include a new Science and Engineering Outreach Centre to promote the value of science and engineering to local schools and the Bedfordshire community.

The University's Vice Chancellor, Bill



MODERN: An artist's impression of how the new STEM building in Park Steet, Luton, will look

Rammell, said: "This is part of the University's wider vision for high-level skills growth in Luton and Bedfordshire, and part of an investment of £180million in cutting edge facilities by the University to transform our campuses.

"Over the past five years we have enhanced our learning and teaching facilities for students, creating jobs and growth in Luton,

Bedford and its surrounding areas."
"Our new STEM building will support the
ambitions of regional policymakers to enhance
the skills base in Luton, extending opportunity for local residents and attracting investment to the region.

The news is also exciting for students, who

Delieve the plans show an ambition from the University to keep improving.

Ashley Beckman-Whelan, Vice President for activities and engagement at BedsSU, the university's student union, told Luton On Sunday: "I think it's quite exciting. The university has just finished work on a new library building, and both of these will make the university look fresh and more modern.

"I think some of the students who have graduated this week will actually be quite jealous that they can't use it!"

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# Rules for every road in new parking plan

BY NICK SMITH

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A TOWN-wide parking plan took its first step forward on Tuesday - with the council set to look at restrictions on a street-by-street basis.

At a full meeting of Luton Borough Council, Conservative councillor John Young proposed to impose rules against parking on grass verges in the

Liberal Democrat Cllr David Franks said the move was 'long overdue' as 'every single councillor has had complaints about parking in the town'.

But he admitted the job wouldn't be easy, saying: "It's going to be a massive task to undertake, as there is going to have to be different rules for different streets for it to work."

The Barnfield Cllr produced an

amendment to the proposal, which stated: "[The council] is requested to use the appropriate legal processes to prohibit parking on highway verges in the Borough in the context of a properly thought through policy to allow two or four wheel pavement parking in places where this will improve traffic safety and still leave enough pavement width to comfortably accommodate wheelchairs, double child pushchairs etc. and ban all pavement parking everywhere else in



Cllr Young backed the proposal, but as long as grass verges were also included. During the meeting, he said: "I agree with Cllr Franks' amendment, but want grass verges to also be included, as people parking on them turns them into quagmires.

"Luton is not going to be a place

people want to invest in if they see that."

The next step is for the council's executive group to wait for a report and then make a decision on what to do going forward.

There is currently not a timescale of when the council's executive can expect to receive the report.

#### **Council Notebook: A call for unity after Nice**

A LOT has changed since Luton Borough Council met in May. Aside from Luton, the meeting was used to discuss changes and challenges facing the wider world.

The Nice attacks put a solemn note on council introductions, which members reflected on at the start of

the meeting.
Mayor of Luton, Clir Tahir Khan,

opened the meeting by saying: "Those events were a shocking reminder of the tactics used by people to spread hatred and fear into our community.

"We cannot allow terrorists and extremists of any kind to divide us."

Mr Khan then led the council chamber in a minute's silence In the light of Britain leaving the European Union, there has been a lot of talk of increased numbers of hate crimes across the country.

However, Liberal Democrat
Councillor Alan Skepelhorn was quick to praise Luton, noting a Polish man who was backed by his neighbour after the vote, as reported by *LoS*.

While there are problems across the world, it is good to see Luton standing strong against them.



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To end the misery caused by slipped discs you must have the right information. Pay close attention because I'm going to destroy some important myths and give

MYTH: Slipped discs will just "go

away" with some rest.

FACT: If you are dealing with back pain, buttock pain or leg pain, then you must seek help from a slipped disc specialist immediately. Left untreated a slipped disc can lead to permanent nerve damage - and lifelong pain.

MYTH: Pain is the only problem associated with slipped discs.

FACT: In severe cases, slipped discs can lead to the inability to control your bowels, bladder and sexual potency - leading to embarrassing situations.

MYTH: You must take pain medications

to deal with slipped discs.

pain killers, narcotics, antidepressants, and anti-seizure medications have serious potential side-effects and do not cure

MYTH: "I must have done something

FACT: Physical work or simply sitting at a desk for long periods can lead to slipped discs. Accidents and trauma can also be the culprits. Pregnancy can cause damage. A slipped disc can happen to anyone - including super-fit celebrities like Tiger Woods, Sylvester Stallone, and

British Olympic medalist Ian Wynne.

MYTH: Stop exercising and get several weeks of bed rest to let the slipped disc

FACT: Staying active can help to the slipped disc recover and prevent the pain getting worse. Staying inactive in bed could be the worst advice - based on a recent study in the Netherlands.

MYTH: Slipped discs require surgery. FACT: NO! There's been a huge breakthrough in the treatment of slipped discs. It's a new procedure called Non-Surgical Re-Constructive Spinal Care. The excellent results from this treatment have been published in major medical

journals. Success rates are up to 90%. MYTH: "There's nothing anyone can really do. I'm just stuck with this for the rest of my life.

FACT: With the correct treatment from a healthcare professional who specialises in

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BLUE LIGHTS: Police officers tape off the scene in Dallow Road after the young boy was hit by a car.

# Boy, 3, hit by car seriously injured

BY NICK SMITH & KATY HALLAM

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A THREE-YEAR-OLD boy has been left seriously injured after being hit by a car in Luton.

Police and paramedics attended the scene in Dallow Road on Wednesday after the boy was knocked down at around 4pm.

The tot was treated at the scene for serious injuries which were not thought to be life threatening.

He was then taken to Luton and Dunstable Hospital, where his condition was described as 'stable'.

Paramedics from the East of England Ambulance Service had to return to Dallow Road later to treat the woman who had been driving the car for shock

A spokesman for the service said: "We received a call at 3.53pm to reports of a collision between a child and a car. We sent an ambulance crew and an ambulance officer to the scene.

"We treated a young boy who was taken to Luton and Dunstable Hospital for further treatment. It did not appear to be a life threatening injury.
"We were then called back

to Dallow Road later on just before 5pm to a woman who had been driving the car to reports she was suffering from shock. A paramedic and a rapid response vehicle attended and they assessed her at the scene, but she did not require any further treat-

spokesman Bedfordshire Police added: "Officers attended, along with other emergency servic-es, and the road was closed while they dealt with the incident. A three-vear-old boy was taken to hospital with serious injuries but is in a stable condition.

#### New cases of FGM in Luton are a 'real concern'

A NEW study has revealed 15 new cases of female genital mutilation have been reported in Luton over the last

The statistics. released in a report by the Health and

Social Information Centre on Thursday, showed all of the girls affected between April 2015 and March 2016 were either born in Western Africa, or it was their country of

A spokesman for the NSPCC said numbers would only fall when people talked about the issue openly.

They added: "It is of real concern that there are 15 recordwho have suffered FGM in Luton – particularly when v know that many victims of the proce dure endure it at a voung age.

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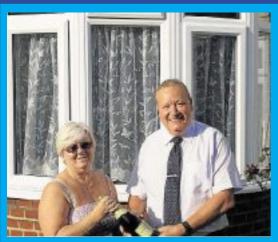
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# Police cells get 'overdue' refurb

BY NICK SMITH

A MAJOR refurbishment of custody suites at Luton Police Station has been criticised by a campaign group fighting for justice for one of two men who died in the

Liberty Louise, from the Justice 4 Leon campaign set up after local man Leon Briggs died at the station in November 2013, feels the £500,000 cost could be better spent elsewhere.
She said: "Regardless of

what they do with the cells, I think if they want to prevent what happened to Leon and Istiak in the future, the focus should be on training.

Work on the 'long overdue' upgrades started on Monday and are expected to take

between 12 and 15 weeks.

Luton Police Station has been a site of controversy over the last three years, after Mr Briggs' death in 2013 was followed by the death of Istiak Yusuf in a cell at the

station in June of last year.
Jim Mallen, head of
Bedfordshire Police
Federation, said: "The Federation, said: "The improvements are long over-



REVAMP: Luton Police Station's custody suite is getting a much

due and have been needed for a number of decades. The plans have been in place for around three years, it's just been a problem getting enough funding in place, given the cuts the force has

been facing in recent years."

The refurbishment will set the force back close to £500,000 and will offer better security, better acoustics and saftey measures such as clear doors for patients who may be deemed to be a risk to themselves, according to Bedfordshire Police.

Kathryn Holloway, Police and Crime Commissioner for Bedfordshire, said: "There is a fresh start on the cards here for the community and Force to build confidence in the Custody arrangements in Luton although I need to stress that my own office has a team of Independent Custody Visitors who con-stantly check conditions experienced by detainees."



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#### Celebrities line up for degrees

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ebrations got underway. CBBC presenter Gemma Hunt and TV and radio stars Rickie Haywood Williams and Melvin Odoom, who all graduated from the university, collected their honorary degrees at the Putteridge Bury campus on Wednesday alongside creative arts, technologies and science students.

# Cuts woe for youth offending services

BY JAMES AVERILL

editor@Insmedia.co.uk

SERVICES helping to prevent young people re-offending in Luton may have to be merged with Bedfordshire due to crippling budget cuts.

Luton Youth Offending Service is a partnership between Luton Borough Bedfordshire Police and Bedfordshire National Probation Service.
A series of initiatives help

young offenders stay on track,

but it has been revealed that discussions could soon start about sharing services across the region with Central Bedfordshire and Bedford.

It comes after severe fund-ing cuts over the last few years, especially from the local authority and the office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Reserves of more than £2million will have been exhausted by the middle of

Councillor Mahmood Hussain, the cabinet member

responsible for overseeing the service, said: "We will have to make some changes but most important is that young people have a service.

"At this stage we are at the consultation, but we are not looking at this stage to make redundancies. I'm hoping we don't have to do that.

The Luton service could also explore becoming an independent Public Service Mutual, which would see it leave the public sector but continue delivering public

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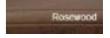












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WE'VE seen some truly awful examples of parking in this section of the paper - but this one may just be the most selfish yet.

The driver of this car seemingly couldn't find a place in the Bute Street car park near the station, so opted to just plonk it in the middle of the car park - for more than an hour!

Staggered drivers had to reverse their way around the car park just to get out.





THIS week's Read All Over features journalism

The 20-year-old fancies himself as a reporter of the future, and he's been honing his craft at Luton on Sunday this week.

His work experience stint forms part of his

second year at the University of Northampton. Charlie said: "I've really enjoyed it and learnt a lot about the industry in my time here.

# **Your Luton Letters**



#### Branded a racist

AS a white working class male, who do I vote for? The Tories don't want to know me.

Labour don't seem to care. The only party I relate to is UKIP.

But now I am labelled a racist. Every day on the TV, watching the Tories and Jeremy Corby arguing and bickering makes me sick.

John Tucker Bracklesham Gardens

#### Putting the boot in

COULD someone tell me what the

sudden? Would you hound any other business in this way? I don't see you reporting on anyone else's business that is struggling

eise's business that is strugging financially so why Beds FA?
Rather than trying to pull them apart why not get behind them and the great work they do in trying to get people of all ages and abilities into football in OUR county.

Ask the kids that play every week if they are grateful to them, the disa-bled, the blind all the people Beds FA help to get into football.

Easy target though I guess and lazy journalism I guess being the bottom

Ampthill

fascination is with the Beds FA all of a Ed. Let's see what a club chairman has to say...

#### Where's our money?

WHY do clubs only find out through Luton on Sunday the scandal of the Bedfordshire Football Association? They appear to have lost OUR

money but we are told nothing.
A council member tells me they have asked for a special meeting so they can be told, but a meeting has been refused.

Has incompetence has lost the clubs all this money?

A concerned - very concerned - club chairman and secretary

#### Not jumping for joy

WITH reference to the news item 'Go ahead set for trampoline park

You must also state that a medical centre may be required as, in my experience, trampolines can be dangerous.

I know, I had one in my garden for my five children and their friends to play on.

But two of the children suffered broken arms after hitting the metal

This included my daughter Gail who still suffers nightmares as a result.

Also, as is obvious, trampolining can have a derogatory mental effect upon your children.

Is temporary enjoyment worth the risk to you children? Who knows.

George Donohoe Luton

#### **BLOGGER OF THE WEEK:** Kathryn Faulkner

#### The Royal residencies

THE Bedfordshire Archives and Record Services has been keeping tabs on the history of the area since forming in 1913. Staff member Kathryn

Faulkner now writes in detail of the Middle Age, where Dunstable was actually home to a Royal residency.



ONE of the lesser known facts about Bedfordshire is that during the middle ages both Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard were the sites of roval residences - one purpose built and one probably inherited from Anglo-Saxons.

The royal manor house (sometimes called a 'palace') at Dunstable was the crea-

tion of King Henry I.

Dunstable is not mentioned in the Domesday Book and it is likely that there was no settlement on the site of the town at this time, unless a remnant of the Roman town of Durocobrivis survived as a hamlet of the royal manor of Houghton.
The location at the inter-

section of Watling Street and Icknield Way was too good to miss, and by 1107 King Henry I had founded a new borough at the crossroads.

The convenience of the location led him to build a royal residence on nine acres of land north of what is now Church Street.

The exact location of the building is not known.

An eighteenth century farmhouse, Kingsbury Court, was said to be on the site of the royal 'palace', but no archaeological evidence has been found to prove this

It has been suggested that Ladies Lodge may be an alternative site

When King Henry founded Dunstable Priory in 1131 the priory was given near royal authority over the town, which lost its status as a

The royal house known as Kingsbury, was excluded from the lands given to the

priory and reserved for the use of the King. However, the Dunstable Cartulary tells us the house was granted to the priory by King John in 1204.

The royal residence at Leighton Buzzard has much earlier origins. Extensive archaeological excavations carried out in the 1970s and 80s indicate that a considerable manorial site at Grovebury in the south west corner of the parish was in occupation from at least the late Anglo-Saxon period.

The Domesday Book shows that in 1066 Leighton had two mills, one of which was most likely located at

Grovebury.
Given its proximity to Yttingaford (now Tiddenfoot), where a treaty was signed between the Saxons and the Danes in 903, the extensive royal lands in the area and the high quality of the manorial buildings, it seems likely that the property may have been used as a royal residence before the Conquest.

During the upheavals of King Stephen's reign the manor declined; in 1155 a survey shows its buildings were dilapidated and its stocks of grain and animals were far lower than they

should have been. The royal connection with Leighton Buzzard disappeared in the fifteenth century; the priory was dis solved and by the end of the century the manor had been given to St George's Chapel, Windsor.

Nothing now remains of the royal residence and its site has been swallowed up by the sand industry.



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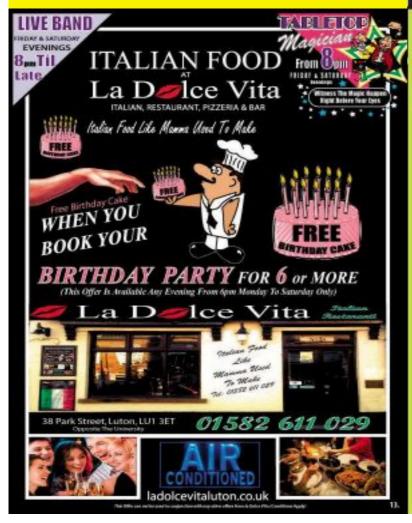


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# Work begins on old Vauxhall Motors site

BY KATY HALLAM

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WORK has started on a landmark development on the former Vauxhall Motors site in Luton.

Business and local authority delegates met with other stakeholders on Monday to mark the official beginning of £9 million of infrastructure works at the Napier Park development in Kimpton Road.

An application has already been submitted for 685 sleek flats, as well as a 209-bedroom hotel, shops, restaurants and cafes, drinking establishments, takeaways and leisure facilities on the site.

It is 14 years since the last car came off the Vauxhall production line in Luton. Now the council is hoping



INVESTMENT: Council and business leaders at the launch of works

investment on the 55-acre site could exceed £600m.

The initial work - site levelling, road and essential services infrastructure - is being carried out by Blu-3.

Leader of Luton Borough Council Hazel Simmons said it showed Luton was 'unaffected' by the decision to leave the EU. She added: "The huge investment at Napier Park will deliver a high-quality residential development which will completely transform a barren, steeply sloping site into an attractive new community"

#### Driver arrested after 'life changing' M25 crash

A MAN from Luton has been arrested in connection with a collision on the M25 which left another male with 'life changing' injuries.

left another male with 'life changing' injuries. The 44-year-old driver of a grey Mazda sustained the serious injuries when a black Mercedes C Class saloon collided with the back of his car shortly after 5.30am last Sunday. He is now being treated at St Mary's Hospital in Paddington.

The man from Luton, aged 25, has been arrested on suspicion of causing serious injury by dangerous driving and has been bailed by Thames Valley Police until August



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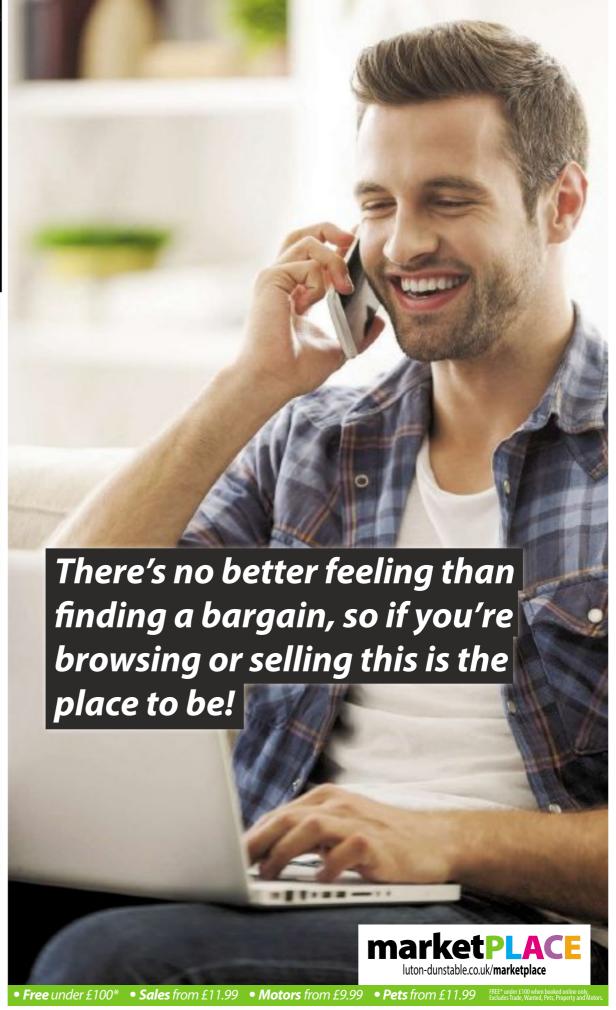
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# Council says no to tinted taxis

BY JAMES AVERILL

PLANS to operate tinted window taxis like limou-sines from Luton Airport have been dealt a blow by the council.

Addison Lee, which recently won the contract to operate taxis from the site, had wanted to introduce a fleet of 30 'executive vehicles' which featured tinted windows and would be exempt from the display of licence plates. But Luton Borough Council's taxi licensing panel

rejected the move on Monday. Ít's a big blow for both Addison Lee, which has said it is exploring an appeal, but also for the airport.

Luton Airport had consist-ently said that its decision to replace the Luton Hackney Carriage Association with Addison Lee was so that pas-sengers could see an 'improved fleet of vehicles'.

And although Addison Lee has said that service levels have already gone up, it conceded the council's decision not to allow the executive fleet was 'saddening'.
Dr Michael Galvin, head of

regulatory affairs



NEW IN TOWN: Addison Lee has taken over the running of the taxi rank at Luton Airport - but can't run its 'executive' fleet of vehicles

Addison Lee, told *Luton on Sunday*: "I was more sad than angry. The case we put to the licensing panel was open and honest and presented in good faith, and we felt we had addressed any issues.

"The thought of going to appeal is not something we usually like doing, but we are

exploring that process."

Luton Airport declined to comment on the story, but a Luton Borough Council spokesman said: "Given the

similarity with other private hire operators and also to the previous hackney carriage provision at the airport, there was no reason to justify departure from the council's policy requiring the grant of a licence with standard operator conditions.

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# Meah's bounces

We continue our series about the businesses that make our county tick. This week, NICK SMITH spices things up

HE left behind a successful Indian restaurant in order to show that he could go it alone, and after years of struggling it looks to be finally paying off.

Seventeen years ago, Khaled Ahmed opened up Meah's Flavours of India, in a retail unit off Sundon Park Road, Luton, where the business is still based today. Mr Ahmed said: "My father

Mr Ahmed said: "My father used to own Meah's in Park Street and I worked there for a while.

"However, clashes with my dad over work made me want to give it a go on my own, making restaurant standard curry sauces for general sale."

Meah's counts Windsor Farm Shop, the royal butchers, among its customers and the business is

the business is going from strength-tostrength and has recently been crowned Independent Food Producer of the Year at the Bedfordshire Food Awards.

"Most of my customers are

traditional English butchers.

also

supply delis, upmarket food stalls and have a deal in place with Center Parcs. "Other sauces,

which you can get for 99p serve a purpose, but I wanted a premium product."

Mr Ahmed has said that the majority of his custom is in a 100 mile radius, predominantly from Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire and Oxfordshire, with some customers coming from further afield in the United Kingdom.

He said: "Over the years, we've grown through word of mouth by recommendations."

While the majority of his

While the majority of his products are sold to retailers, the company also sells direct to the general public through its website.

While business is now booming, Mr Ahmed recounted: "For the first seven or eight years, it was a

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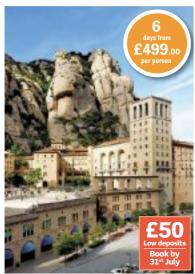
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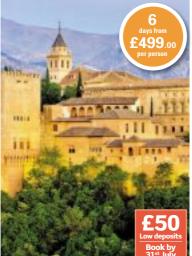
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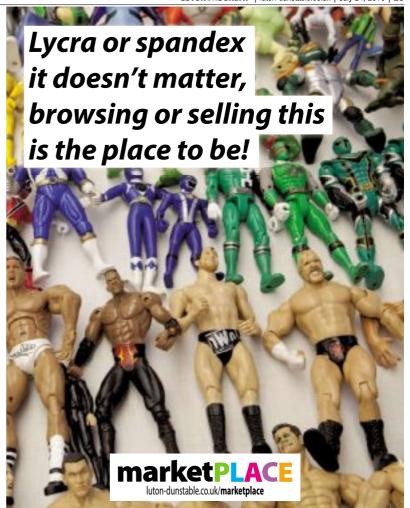


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#### Plea for public help to clean up streets

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Councillor Rachel Hopkins, portfolio holder for Community Safety & Enforcement, said: "We want the resi-dents of Luton to have their say on environmental issues most important to them and how they impact on their lives.'



MESS: A new survey aims to clean up cases of flytipping

# MPs extend support to fair pension plan

BY NICK SMITH

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MPs have been urged to put pressure on parliament to make changes to women's pensions.

This comes after a meeting of Luton Borough Council on Tuesday, where members voted in favour of asking Luton's MPs Gavin Shuker and Kelvin Hopkins to take the call for fairer pensions in

parliament.
In 2010 it was decided to

make the age at which women and men could claim pensions the same, but Cllr Dolling says that the timescale implemented has had an unfair affect on women's pensions.
The 1995 and 2011 acts

made the age 65 for both men and women, but as a result left women out of pocket and with little time to adapt to the changes. Both Labour MPs have said

they will ask parliament to back the reform of women's pensions.

Mr Hopkins added: "With a change of Prime Minister, and now a woman Prime and now a woman Frime Minister there may now be hope for a rethink on government policy. "The only fair way to change the pension age is by a gradu,"

al process over many years."

Mr Shuker said: "We've raised this repeatedly in parliament, and have even given six different options to gov-ernment to soften the impact, but they're not listening.

"As a party we'll continue to oppose these plans."

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#### THEATRE

#### Step out for a fun theatre show

A WEST End success will be coming to the Little Theatre in Dunstable next week.

The ACT Company will be presenting Richard Harris' comedy Stepping Out - following the lives of the members of an amateur tap class.

It is an endearing tale of how determination, friendship and camaraderie can shape even the most bashful into proud performers. Can they make it to the top or fall flat

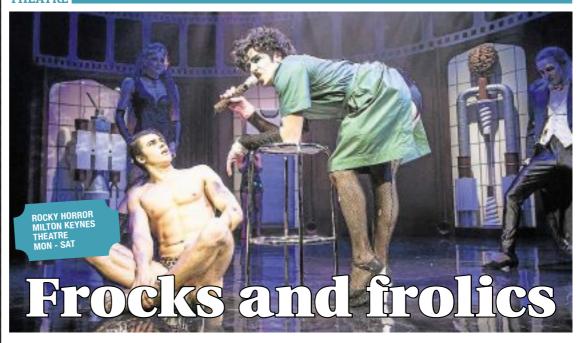
on their faces?

Performances run from Tuesday to Saturday at 7.45pm.

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STEPPING OUT LITTLE THEATRE TUES - SAT

#### **THEATRE**



GET your stockings and garters ready - the Rocky Horror Show is coming to Milton Keynes.

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Performed worldwide for over 40

years in more than 30 countries, Richard O'Brien's cult classic has been translated into over 20 languages and is currently selling out stages in Australia, Germany, Switzerland, Japan and Austria.

It tells the story of Brad and his fiancée Janet, two squeaky clean college kids who meet Dr Frank'n'Furter by chance when their car breaks down outside his house while on their way to visit their former college pro-

It is an adventure they'll never forget, with fun, frolics, frocks, and frivolity, bursting with timeless songs and outrageous outfits.

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# Ingenious improv

A STANDOUT evening of musical standup is the name of the game at The Bear Club this week

If improvised musical comedy sounds like something you'd find entertaining, then Abandoman will surpass vour expectations.

The brainchild of auick-witted Roh Broderick, he interacts with the audience and improvises hip-hop and other music beats just from talking to them and taking tips from the crowd.

And it's good music as well as being hilarious, with Sam Wilson and Dan Attfield creating the riffs to complement the free-flowing quips from Broderick.

By the end of the show you'll be wondering how the mundane life of audience members could tickle your funny bone so much.

The act is as popular as it is original, becoming a staple show on the Edinburgh Fringe scene and selling out one of the biggest venues repeatedly.

The last four years have seen Abandoman tour with multi-platinum artist Ed Sheeran, and headline comedy stages at every major UK music festival including Glastonbury, Latitude, Bestival, Leeds & Reading.

And of course, the beauty of Abandoman's improvised comedy is that even if you've seen them before, no two shows are the same!

If you are heading along, then it's not just Rob and co who will be entertaining you - with two other acts on the bill.

Following a standout show at the



Latitude Festival OH STANDFAST will be switching to the intimate surroundings of the Luton music venue.

Bringing comedy to poetry, OH STANDFIRST commonly refers to himself as a 'shouter of words'.

And whether it's bags for life, Britain or romance, no subject can dodge his sharp tongue

Compering the evening is James

Redmond, who many will know for his stints on Casualty and Hollyoaks.

James' career path has seen him take on modelling jobs for Calvin Klein, replacing Ant and Dec as a presenter on SMTV and appearing on both Emmerdale and Coronation Street

Amongst all that he's also forged a decent career on the stand-up scene, so expect plenty of laughs - not just

from James but from all three acts

Tickets are selling out fast, so make sure you head online and get yours from www.wegottickets.com - just search for 'Luton' on their website.

Adults cost £10 (plus a £1 booking fee), with doors opening for the event at 7pm. Music usually starts at 8.30pm at the venue, but check www.the-bear club for confirmation of final timings

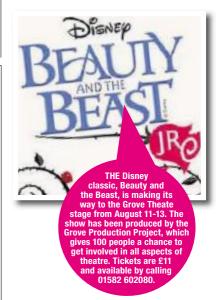
#### What's hot in Luton



can enjoy a treat of an evening on August 13. There will be an electrifying night of charity boxing at The Auction House, with guests including Luton lad House, with guests including Luton lad and former world champion Billy Schwer (right), as well as the town's unbeaten number one Kay Prospere. There will also be a guest DJ set from Dane Bowers.

Tables for ten cost from £400 with a black tie dress code. For more information call

more information call 07886 409 346.



# in a greenhouse is the new effort from Lutonian Teresa Burns, who is bringing the play back to her home town. The Little Gardener is an adaptation of the popular children's book by Emily Hughes and will be coming to Stockwood Discovery Centre on Friday and Saturday. Tickets £5.

#### **COFFEE TIME**

Starting from the central shaded letter, move one letter at a time (up, down, right or left, but not diagonally) to find 14 birds of prey found in the UK.

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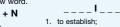
Add the given letter or letters to the first word to make a new word.

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**Clue:** Entrance provided for a benefactor.

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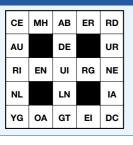


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a rule or precept.

#### **FIVE ALIVE**

Here are two miniature five-square crosswords using the same grid – but the letters have been mixed up. You have to work out which letters belong to which



#### STARSPOT CROSSWORD

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**CLUES DOWN** 

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3. Playground device

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18. Barrier (4)

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22. Manufacturers (6)

23. Nordic country (6

21. Substantial (6)

24. Damaged with

26. Academic award

teeth (6) 25. Paved road (6)

13. Kind (4)

5. Quest (6)

#### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Bunches (8)
- 8. Force (6)
- 9. Curved roof (4)
- 10. Epoch (3) 11. Area (6)
- 12. Tinny (8)
- 15. In any case (6)
- 16. Strong dislike (6) 20. Topics (6)
- 24. Adjacent (6) 27. Made a shrill sound
- (8) 28. Grapple with (6)
- 29. Small mark (3)
- 30. Listening organs (4)
- 31. Go without food (6)

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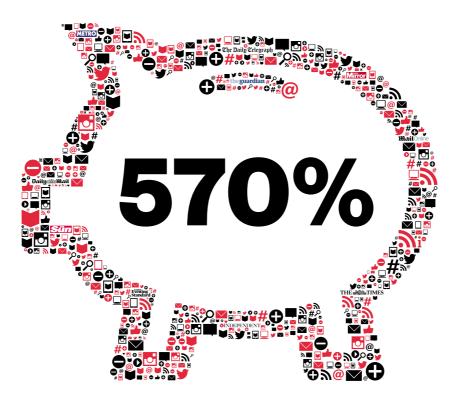
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George and his family moved into Northfield Manor, two miles away from the factory — a large former farmhouse where he and his second wife brought up their eleven children.

This property hit the headlines two years ago when it was set alight by arsonists and was then largely demolished by contractors on behalf of Birmingham University, who had owned the property since the mid-1950s.

There was a public outcry and the university have subsequently promised to rebuild the property brick by brick.

To fund this, it has brought in developer Crest Nicholson, which is to build a housing development within its grounds and rebuild Northfield House as an apartment building, although full planning permission has yet to be granted.

#### Go back in time with Outlander cottage

THE climax of Amazon Prime's second series of Outlander had fans of Caitriona Balfe's character Claire on the edge of their seats.

Her time travels through 18th century Scotland and later Paris have proved to be gripping drama as author Diana Gabaldon's Outlander novels about the Jacobite revolt have played out on screen, first in 2014 and then again this year.

The locations where the TV series were shot have become tourist attractions in their own right

The main focus for Outlander tourists is the village of Culross to the east of Dunfermline.

The village, which doubles as Cranesmuir in the TV series, is a 17th century Scottish Royal burgh with cobbled streets and



traditional buildings, many of which featured in the TV series.

Eagle-eyed fans will recognise Rowanbank, a four-bedroom house in the village. It has recently been restored in association with the National Trust for Scotland and features a high-beamed lounge, Norwegian wood-burning stove and a pretty, stone-walled garden at the rear.

It's on the market with Maloco & Associations (01383 285835) for

# Is Hoddle set for a return to England?



ollowing the poor performance of the England football team at Euro 2016 and the resignation of Roy Hodgson, the search is now on for a new manager for the beleaguered team.

And it now looks likely that Glen Hoddle – who was appointed England manager in 1996 but sacked in 1999 – could be offered the job.

Hoddle is one of football's more colourful characters. As well as a distinguished playing career for Tottenham Hotspur, AS Monaco and England, and successful management stints at Swindon Town, Chelsea and England, Hoddle also released a hit pop record, Diamond Lights in 1987.

He's also a very keen golfer and 13 years ago bought a large villa in the Sotogrande golf resort on the Costa del Sol. In 2008 Hoddle established a football academy in Jerez although in 2011 this was relocated to the UK.

But the 59-year-old says he's now looking to move to a new area of Europe to play golf.

His five-bedroom and fourbathroom Sotogrande villa with landscaped gardens and a swimming pool is currently for sale with Chestertons (020 7201 2071, www.chestertonsinternational.com) for £2,047,920. It comes with beautiful views over Sotogrande's famous golf course as well as a garage for two cars and a games room.

"I love the area and there are some of the most wonderful golf courses in Europe there," he says. "My favourite part of the house is the terrace. I've spent many, many hours chilling and eating with family and friends.

"The views are wonderful and there is a calmness about sitting there, but feel I want to experience a different place now."



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## Bedfordshire Vice Chancellor: Listening to students is my top priority

ith a rapidly developing portfolio of subjects, an ambitious estates strategy and a growing international profile Vice Chancellor Bill Rammell is a man with plenty on his plate.

"For me, it all comes down to providing a transformative student experience" he says. "My top priority is listening to students, ensuring we are offering world-class facilities and teaching, and preparing students for their future employment".

During the last four years the University of Bedfordshire has gone from strength to strength. Student satisfaction with teaching and facilities has seen the highest increase in the country, while the national body for university quality has awarded the university a commendation for its enhancement of student learning opportunities. The University has also seen a sharp improvement in the quality of its research and in 2013 won the prestigious Queen's Anniversary Prize for its pioneering research into child sexual exploitation.

What does Rammell consider to be the most significant achievement of the University in the past ten years? "We contribute about £300million annually to the Bedfordshire economy" says Rammell, "and our core mission is to serve our local community. But since 2006 we have built a global presence, recruiting from over 100 countries and developing partnerships with universities as far afield as Vietnam, Egypt and Nepal. We are cutting edge in the opportunities we offer to students to travel internationally during their studies".



And the next ten years? "My ambition for the University is that we build on our strengths of providing outstanding support for our students while adapting how we do things to meet the needs of the students of the twenty-first century. That will involve working closely with the community in Bedford and Luton. We have opened our new state-of-the-art library this summer in Luton. We will start to break ground on a new Science building very shortly, and we are planning to work with employers in the region to offer new higher apprenticeships. We are very much a University that is open for business".



The new Luton library

#### THE UNIVERSITY OF BEDFORDSHIRE **TIMELINE**

1882 Founding of Bedford Training College for Teachers

1903 Founding of Bedford Physical Training College

1908 Luton Modern School established

1937 Founding of Luton Technical Institute

1958 Institute is renamed Luton College of Technology

1976 Merger with Putteridge Bury College of Education to become Luton College of Higher Education

1993 College designated as a university, becoming the University of Luton

2006 University of Bedfordshire formed from merger of University of Luton and Bedford campus of De Montfort University

2008 University opens campus at Butterfield Park in Luton

2009 University consolidates health provision in Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire

2013 University opens University Campus Milton Keynes (UCMK)



The inside of the university's new library

# Teaching that is rooted in world-class research

niversity of Bedfordshire students have access to world-leading academics undertaking cutting-edge research in the classroom. This allows students to develop a deep understanding of the types of challenges industry faces and the knowledge-based skills and critical thinking needed to solve them.

For example, University of Bedfordshire researchers David Jazani and Mark Hooper recently used 3D printing technology to create a hand for an 8-year old boy who had been born without fingers.

The University's research is designed to tackle current and emerging real-world problems. Researchers work directly with partners in industry, government and the public sector to address the challenges of life in the twenty-first century such as cyber crime, workplace wellbeing, healthy aging and self-management of long-term illness.

In the 2014 Research Excellence Framework nearly half of University of Bedfordshire research was rated internationally excellent or world-leading, the highest ratings possible. The University has also been awarded the prestigious Queen's Anniversary Prize for its pioneering work on prevention of child sexual exploitation, violence and trafficking.

"Lots of universities are churning out papers that aren't rooted in community issues" says Gurch Randhawa, Professor of Diversity in Public Health. "You should give things back – and if your research informs practice, chances are you can improve people's lives."

# What can you do with a degree from the University of Bedfordshire? Anything you want!

raduating in 2007 **Gavin O'Brien** quickly became one of the youngest producers at the well-known shopping channel QVC. He now owns his own production company Clearhead and regularly takes on students as interns and graduate trainees.

Former Sunday Times Sports Personality of the Year, **Maggie Alphonsi** graduated from the University with a degree in Sports and Exercise Science in 2006. She is one of the world's leading female international rugby players with 49 England caps under her belt.

**Sophie Meola** started her own fashion and lifestyle blog while studying Marketing Management at the University and was shortlisted twice for the annual Cosmopolitan Blog Awards. She is now Marketing Manager for Ingram Micro.

**Viv Long** graduated from the University with a degree in Public Relations. She now works for Luton Town Football Club as a Commercial Assistant following a placement year working for them as part of her degree. Viv's ultimate ambition is to work as the Commercial Director for a Premier League club.

Luton postgraduate/CPD centre: where education meets business

Former Media Performance student **Sam Darlaston** now works as a presenter on Kiss FM having worked on the University's community radio station, Radio LaB 97.1f. He also gained work experience in a paid role at Applause Store working on shows such as the X Factor helping to organise the audience.

Sarah Jane Cass graduated 2007 with a BA (Hons) Media Performance and Radio. She worked on the reality TV show Big Brother after graduating and now has her own talent company, Talent SJC. In 2014 Sarah Jane was recognised as an under 30s Broadcast Hotshot in the media trade magazine Broadcast.

Eighteen years ago, **Tamara-Lee Notcutt** was frantically calling the University's Clearing phone lines trying to claim one of the last spots on the BA Media Performance with Production Management course. Now, she's an Emmy-nominated Senior Casting Director at Walt Disney Studios in LA responsible for choosing the likes of Chris Hemsworth for the role of Thor.



Luton Alexon Exhibition

**Richard Sackey-Addo**, did a Bsc in Sports and Exercise Science and now works as a research officer for the International Tennis Federation, based in Valencia. His role includes helping to improve the quality of tennis coaching worldwide, and he has previously worked with some of the UK's top junior players.

Despite being initially sceptical about university, **Charlie Hughes** decided he needed to enter Higher Education to further his career after a year out working in retail. After doing a degree in Business Studies Charlie is now the outgoing President of the Students' Union and hopes to work in the third sector.

**Tom Bromley** did a BSc Sports Science and Personal Training and is now working as First Team and Academy Sports Science, Fitness and Conditioning Coach at professional football team, MK Dons. Tom chose the University of Bedfordshire for his degree due to what he felt were excellent facilities and 'sought after' staff.



Bedford sports facilities: Olympians trained here in 2012

## **Best of Beds**



















## Our **students** say...

"Being a student at Bedfordshire gives you so much more than a degree – it means being treated as full partner in your educational experience and developing yourself as a global citizen, whatever your background and aspirations.

Whether it is acting as a peer mentor, shaping the academic curriculum, leading a student society, playing on a sports team or working with University staff to improve the student experience, students have so many opportunities to grow their confidence and develop their skills at Bedfordshire.

#### TARA ALADE

Sports Therapy graduate and Bedfordshire Students' Union President 2016-17 "In 2014 I went on the Go Global trip to Nanjing, China. Previous to this the idea that I would visit China was non-existent. I had never considered it because it just wasn't an option – intercontinental travel was a luxury my family had never been able to afford. I am now the first in my nuclear family to leave Europe (thank you Beds!). The trip consisted of 2 weeks of classes, trips and tours jam-packed. I learned everything from martial arts to Chinese calligraphy. I can't imagine a better way of developing and honing the critical reasoning skills that are so crucial to career success than by broadening your understanding of the boundaries of society."

ANGELO KARVELAS,

Marketing graduate, 2015

# Practice-based learning

At the University of Bedfordshire we believe that what's most important is not just what students learn but how they learn. Our focus is on empowering our students to acquire pride in their achievements and confidence in their capabilities, paving the way for future success. Our students get to develop their practice working in media production, creating fashion blogs, solving business problems, and developing their skills on the ward or teaching in a local school

Outside the classroom there are further opportunities for personal and professional development. Student volunteering combines the best of active learning with giving something back to the community. Each year University of Bedfordshire students chalk up over 40,000 hours of community volunteering.

One example is The Refugee Legal Aid project, the only project of its kind in the country. Students assist refugees to complete

family reunion applications, which would otherwise involve costly legal fees. So far over 60 individuals, mostly young children, have been reunited with their families in England.

The Bedfordshire Green Hub has facilitated students to champion green initiatives around the University and in the community. Beds Buzz is a student-led beekeeping project that is great for the local environment because the healthy bee population can pollinate many flowering plants in Bedfordshire and beyond, therefore stimulating biodiversity.

Kimberley Stirling the University's Volunteer Manager based in the students' union says, "I love seeing students once they have volunteered somewhere for a while and finding out about how they feel it's helped them. I know from first-hand experience that without my voluntary experience I wouldn't be where I am now, so I hope that I can empower our students to find something that helps them in the future".

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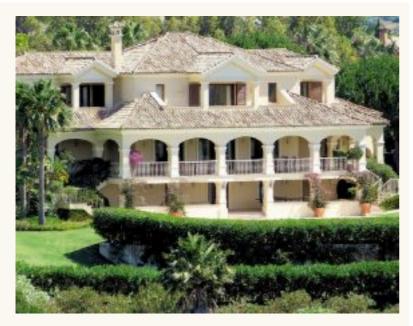






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## **Promptmove offers house** owners to sell their properties for £499 in Luton

The property market is going through a transition and the new 'online' estate agents are the main cause behind it. Whitman Howard, an institutional stockbroking and investment banking business, analysis the situation "The estate agency sector won't have a very good time in the next year because activity looks static, and ... People, ... are becoming more price sensitive about how they sell their homes."

Ageel Saglain, the CEO at Promptmove, states that the time is right to offer the market  $\alpha$ 

complete and cost-effective service He points out "The customers desire that they receive full service from their estate agent and that the service is cost-effective. It is only fair that the desire of the market is respected.

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#### ownton's Grantham Arms for sale



FOR A lowly village pub, the Grantham Arms plays an amazingly central role in the hit drama Downton Abbey, better known for its chandeliers, high society and silverware than pints on the bar.

The millions of viewers who tuned in to series, which ran for 52 enisodes over six series between 2010 and 2015, got used to the comings and goings at the pub – which featured in five episodes.

Most famously, the pub was home to Tom Branson, the Crawley family's chauffer and later son-in-law, played by Allen Leech.

He lodges at the Grantham Arms after his dismissal from Downton Abbey following his engagement to Lady Sybil, played by Jessica Findlay.

The pub carries the arms of the fictional Earl of Grantham which is supposedly in

Yorkshire, although many of the locations are in and around Oxfordshire and Berkshire including Downton Abbey (Highclere Castle near Newbury), Yew Tree Farm (Cogges near Witney and Mallerton Hall (Ditchley Park near Kiddlington).

The village of Downton is in reality Bampton-in-the-Bush, five miles west of Oxford. It has frequently featured in the TV series and Mayville, a honey-coloured semi-detached house on Church Close, was dressed up to look like the pub.

The owners retain the original Grantham Arms pub sign that used to hang outside the front door during filming.

The house overlooks the village's main church and has four bedrooms and a courtvard garden and is for sale via agent Scottfraser (01993 705507) for



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ious detached family home provides five bedrooms. Access is via the private gated entry system to the spacious front and the conservatory. On the first floor there are three bedrooms with the master bedroom including ensuite. There are two furthe bedrooms on the next floor. The accommodation further comprises of family bathroom, side annex and various cloak rooms. There



We delighted to offer for the sale this spacious four bedroom detached property in the highly desirable New Bedford Road Area of North Luton. The property comprises of an entrance porch, hallway and a 21 ft kitchen/diner. The garage has been converted to accommodate Luton. The property comprises of an entrance porch, hallway and a 21 ft klitchen/diner. The garage has been converted to accommodate a reception room to the front of the property and to the rear there is a 22 ft family room as well as a cloakroom. To the first floor there are four well proportioned bedrooms with the master housing an en suite. There is also a family bathroom with a large jacuzzi style tub. Externally there is a driveway for several cars and a double garage to the rear. The garden has recently been landscaped and had newly fitted fencing. The area is highly regarded by families where children often attend the sought after William Austin Primary and Icknied Secondary as their scholos. The property is also ideally located with Luton Mainline Station 1.4 miles away offering direct rois into London. Heating is efficient and economical via gas to radiator heating whilst the windows are double glazed. Viewing comes highly recommended.





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A well presented three bedroom property in the heart of Hart Hill ready to let immediatel



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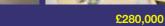
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Elveden Close, Luton, £310,000

A beautifully presented family home located within the popular Bushmead area. The property has a ground floor rear extension which has created an open plan "U" shape kitchen/dining/family area. To the first floor there are three bedrooms, two with fitted wardrobes. The kitchen has been refitted and has a wide range of base and eye level units. There is a single garage with driveway and front parking for approx 2/3 cars.





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#### Gatehill Gardens, Barton Hills £430,000

Well presented realistically priced four bedroom detached property comprising of an entrance hall, cloakroom, living room, dining room, conservatory, kitchen and utility room, landing, bathroom, four bedrooms and en-suite shower room. Externally the property has a well maintained rear garden and a large brick built outhouse which could be used as a gym/playroom. To the front there is parking for 2 cars. EPC commissioned







#### New Bedford Road, New Bedford Road Area £555,000

Spacious mature detached three bedroom home. The property would lend itself well to be extended (stpp), which could be positioned to either the side or rear. A conversion of the current loft space into further bedrooms and bathrooms would be a great option and significantly increase the value. The property comprises of a storm porch, entrance hall, cloakroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen/breakfast-room, utility room, first floor landing with three double bedrooms and a family bathroom. EPC commissioned.







#### Fairford Avenue, Old Bedford Rd Area £370,000

Immaculate extended semi-detached family home situated just off the prestigious Old Bedford Road. The property comprises of a spacious entrance hall, lounge, kitchen/diner, study/fourth bedroom. First floor landing with three good sized bedrooms with a family bathroom. Externally the front garden provides ample off road car parking with driveway to detached garage and a large rear garden. There is a large cricket pitch at the end of the road which is popular with residents. EPC rating D.







#### Westbury Gardens, Old Bedford Road Area £550,000

Immaculate 4 bedroom detached home. The property comprises of entrance hall, kitchen/breakfast-room, rear lobby, lounge, diner. First floor landing, en-suite to the master bedroom and a further en-suite to the guest room with a further two bedrooms, a spacious refitted bathroom. Externally front and side garden, with driveway to side leading to detached garage and personal door to enclosed rear garden. Externally the property has a well maintained rear garden and a large brick built outhouse which could be used as a gym/playroom. To the front there is parking for 2 cars. EPC Rating C.







#### Old Bedford Road, Old Bedford Road Area £650,000

Mature three bedroom detached family home. Separate lounge and dining room, conservatory, kitchen breakfast room and utility with the added benefit of a downstairs cloakroom. To the first floor the three good size bedrooms all have dual aspect windows brining in plenty of light and the family bathroom is a four piece suite. Externally the property has a well maintained rear garden and a large brick built outhouse which could be used as a gym/playroom. To the front there is parking for 2 cars. EPC rating E.







#### Sworder Close, Barton Hills £385,000

Spacious four bedroom detached family home nestled in a cul-de-sac of Barton Hills. The property comprises of an entrance hall, cloakroom, lounge to the front, diner, kitchen and large conservatory, four good sized bedrooms and refitted family bathroom. Externally the property has a well maintained rear garden and a large brick built outhouse which could be used as a gym/playroom. To the front there is parking for 2 cars. EPC commissioned













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## **Brooklands Close, Leagrave** £250,000

Very well presented three bedroom semi detached property located in this select cut-de-sac. Entrance hall, lounge, refitted downstairs bathroom with a free standing role top bath and a stylish modern white gloss extended kitchen/dinner with space for appliances. To the first floor there are three double bedrooms. EPC rating E.



## **Cranbrook Drive, Sundon Park** £260,000

Well presented three bedroom semi detached property. Internally the property benefits from an entrance hall with doors to a 12ft fitted kitchen with space for all appliances, a 24ft lounge/diner, three well proportioned bedrooms and bathroom. EPC rating F.







#### Stoneygate Road, Challney £380,000

Fantastic five bedroom, spacious and rarely available chalet style bungalow located on a large plot. Internally the property comprises of an entrance, hallway and a spacious 25 foot living room, large beech effect kitchen/diner, two well proportioned double bedrooms situated on the ground floor. To the first floor there are three good sized bedrooms as well as a white bathroom suite. There is also a brick built outhouse that is currently being used as an office and there is a detached garage. EPC Rating C.



## **Hudson Court, Dunstable** £200,000

Three bedroom 'coach house style' property. Internally the property comprises of an open plan lounge/diner and kitchen, cloakroom, two double bedrooms, the master with en suite and a third bedroom/study and bathroom. EPC rating C.



## Oak Road, Bury Park £210.000

Three bedroom terraced property extended to the rear. Entrance, two separate reception rooms, a shower room and a bathroom suite with jacuzzi tub. To the first floor there are three double bedrooms and externally a rear garden area. EPC rating D.



## $\begin{array}{l} \textbf{Ventnor Gardens, Bramingham} \\ \pounds 265,000 \end{array}$

Fantastic three bedroom semi detached property. Internally the property comprises of an entrance porch, and a spacious 17 foot living room, fitted kitchen/diner, three well proportioned bedrooms and a refitted family bathroom suite. EPC Rating D.



## Winchester Gardens, Marsh Farm £220,000

Chain free totally refurbished three bedroom detached property. In brief the property comprises of an entrance, hallway, a refitted stylish bathroom suite, three good sized bedrooms and a 20ft living room, modern white gloss kitchen. EPC commissioned.







#### Beechwood Road, Leagrave £325,000

Beautifully presented four bedroom extended traditional bay fronted semi detached property. Two separate reception rooms, a downstairs fitted shower room, a modern and contemporary kitchen/breakfast room, three well proportioned bedrooms and refitted family bathroom. Externally the property has a well maintained rear garden and a large brick built outhouse which could be used as a gym/playroom. To the front there is parking for 2 cars. EPC commissioned.



## Roman Road, Leagrave £190,000

Very well presented and rarely available 3 bedroom bay fronted first floor maisonette. Internally the property briefly comprises of three double bedrooms, a fitted modern kitchen, a refitted white bathroom suite and good sized lounge. EPC rating tba.



## **Kingsley Road, Leagrave** £130,000

Excellent one bedroom apartment in the heart of the Leagrave area of North Luton. The apartment has a lease of approximately 69 years remaining and maintenance charges are roughly £100 PCM. EPC Rating C.

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**Stopsley** 01582 512000



#### Colin Road, Round Green £240,000

Three bedroom mid-terrace family home. The property is in good order throughout. Briefly comprising of an entrance hall, two reception rooms, kitchen, bathroom is and to the first floor there are three generous sized bedrooms. EPC commissioned.



#### Cobden Street, High Town £245,000

Lovely three bedroom period property situated only minutes from Luton mainline station.

Benefiting from two large reception rooms, kitchen and on the first floor you have two large double bedrooms, a single and bathroom. EPC rating E.







#### London Road, South Luton £695,000

Delightful late 19th century character property by the grounds of Stockwood Park. The accommodation comprises of an entrance hall, two formal reception rooms with the lounge to the front and the dining room to the rear, wet room/cloakroom, kitchen, sitting/family room, utility room, four bedrooms and family bathroom. Externally there is a rear garden and the front garden has a carriage shingled driveway. EPC ratina E



#### Lyneham Road, Vauxhall Park O.I.E.O. £300,000

Large three bedroom property briefly comprising of an entrance hall, family bathroom, large lounge, separate dining room, kitchen, two large double bedrooms and large single bedroom, two garages and a further area to extend at the side STPP. EPC commissioned.



#### Putteridge Road, Putteridge O.I.E.O. £230,000

Two double bedroom mid terraced property. The accommodation comprises of an entrance hall, lounge, kitchen/diner, two double bedrooms and bathroom. Externally the rear garden is mainly laid to lawn. EPC rating D.



#### Stapleford Road, Putteridge £240,000

Two bedroom mid terraced property with no upper chain complications. Comprising of an entrance lobby, lounge/diner, kitchen, two double bedrooms and family bathroom. Externally there is a rear garden and garage. EPC commissioned.



#### Hawthorn Avenue, Putteridge £399,950

Large four bedroom detached bungalow with no upper chain complications. The property has undergone a complete modernization program over the last 12 months or so and would make a great family home being situated in this popular location. FPC rating D.







#### Cutenhoe Road, South Luton £350,000

Three bedroom semi detached property. The accommodation comprises of an entrance hall, guest cloakroom, kitchen, lounge/diner, three well proportioned bedrooms and family bathroom. The front garden has off road parking for a couple of vehicles. Further scope to extend subject to planning permission is also a strong possibility on this great family home. Good schooling is available locally via Surrey Street Primary School and Barnfield South Academy. EPC rating F.



#### **Kynance Close, Stopsley** O.I.E.O. £270,000

Three bedroom semi detached property with no upper chain complications. The accommodation comprises of an entrance hall, lounge, kitchen/ diner, three well proportioned bedrooms and a family bathroom. EPC commissioned.



#### Hartley Road, High Town £200,000

Chain free fantastic two bedroom mid terraced property. Briefly comprising of two separate reception rooms, re-fitted kitchen, bathroom, two large double bedrooms and externally on street parking is available. EPC commissioned.











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## Merc's live van brochure

PROVING the light commercials van market is really driving ahead, the Mercedes-Benz VanExperience Live event welcomed more than 2,500 guests an all-time record for the brand. In its 13th year, the event, held at Millbrook Proving Ground in Bedfordshire, saw 241 Mercedes-Benz Vans available for guests to put through their paces across key sections of the site, including the famous off-road track, high-

speed bowl and Alpine Circuit. Open for all van operators, VanExperience Live took place across 10 days with three main hands-on demonstration areas to help guests assess how Mercedes-Benz Vans perform in all areas.

There was a full range drive to experience the entire product line-up, and compare them directly with competitor test

threctly with competitor test vehicles.

In addition there was a challenging off-road course to show the skills of the Sprinter 4x4 and 6x6 vehicles plus a safety-focused activity, including handling on the all new wet grip. handling on the all-new wet grip experience.

With experts on-hand throughout the event, guests used their time at VanExperience Live to fully understand the range of



products and services offered by Mercedes-Benz Vans and how the brand is keeping business moving.

The event also focused on maximising uptime for vehicles, including discussions and demonstrations on: MobiloVan free roadside assistance; accessories to personalise any Mercedes-Benz van; genuine parts and their importance; and the adaptable finance and insurance solutions to suit customers' requirements. A complete display of vehicles

was also available to access, including vans from more than 41

body builder and conversion exhibitors to show how flexible a van can be.

A total of 46,500 miles were travelled during the two week event, with 23,620 cups of tea and coffee and 1,136 litres of milk drunk, and 1,480 Danish pastries and 7,730 sausage, bacon and egg rolls consumed in the morning.

For lunch 1,960 chicken breasts were served, alongside 320kg of beef and 3,500 punnets of strawberries.

Summing up the occasion Steve Bridge, managing director, Mercedes-Benz Vans UK, said:

"VanExperience Live is like no other LCV-focused event in the UK. We pride ourselves on providing our guests with the ultimate test drive; a real-life brochure to better understand our products, people, and processes that we adopt to keep businesses moving. "The great British weather

didn't even put a dampener on the event, as we had nearly 1,000 additional guests attending compared to VanExperience Live 2015, which is a fantastic achievement and a sign of how popular it

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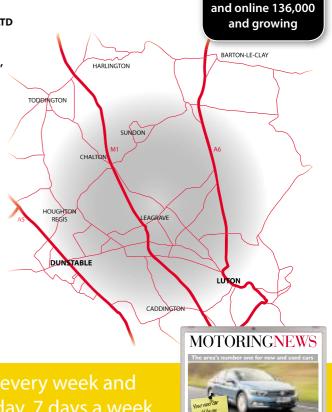
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### Toyota Prius

#### Take a look inside. . .

#### BY JOHN MURDOCH

YOU might not like the looks of the new Toyota Prius but you will certainly be impressed by its engineering and technology.

The Prius famously started the hybrid revolution and quickly became the vehicle of choice for environmentally-conscious drivers who wanted to reduce their running costs. To be honest, I have never really been a fan of hybrids, so I was pleasantly surprised by the improvements the new car delivers.

You will either like or hate the sharp styling but they are all there for a reason - to reduce drag for greater efficiency.

The Prius sits on a brand new platform which will be used in a raft of new Toyotas and all the big parts - engine, gearbox, electric motor and battery pack have been considerably improved.

Toyota is claiming new benchmarks in fuel economy, emissions and efficiency from the new car, which is cleaner than ever.

The Prius is able to operate in petrol and electric modes as well as in a combination of both.

When you set off gently, it automatically operates in EV mode, using electric motor pow-er alone and if you are on the along nicely just using battery power. When the time comes to go quicker the petrol engine cuts in and does the business.

The interior is much improved and the Excel model tested offers stacks of kit. The equipment list includes dual-zone climate control, leather upholstery and heated front seats, a head-up display, dusk-sensing headlights, rain-sensing wipers, smart entry and start, park assist, wireless phone charger and a 10 speaker audio system.

You also get Toyota Touch 2 with Go PLus which included a 7in touchscreen, DAB radio and CD player, satnav, a text to speech function SMS text and email display, advanced Bluetooth, WiFi hotspot and access to online services.

The Prius also has all the latest safety features including hill-start assist, a blind spot monitor, tyre pressure warning system and Toyota's pre-collision system with pedestrian detection.

There is a high tech feel to the cabin and while the Prius is not a sporting drive, it is smooth, quiet nd refined. Prices start from £23,295 and the top of the range test car came in at £27,450 before adding £495 for hypersonic red paint.

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## ontheroad

## Jeep Wrangler birthday special

JEEP has announced changes to its popular and successful Wrangler range of SUV models, including an uprated engine and a special edition 75th birthday model. Jeep Wrangler's existing 2.8-litre diesel engine has been updated to meet Euro 6 emission standards while the car has been given a series of important and valuable updates. In addition, and to celebrate the iconic 4x4 brand's 75th birthday, Jeep has also revealed details of a 75th Anniversary limited edition Wrangler for the UK. The car was first revealed at the Geneva Motor Show in March. The 75th Anniversary is based on the Overland level model and features several key differences, including unique exterior styling and partleather interiors. The outside has a bronze-finished front grille and 18-inch alloy wheels, body-coloured dual top, Mopar slush mats, unique bronze and orange Jeep badging, and a special 75th

Anniversary badge. It comes in either Bright White, Solid Black or Sarge Green paint finishes and inside it gets "1941" embossed leather heated seats in black or saddle brown and tangerine bronze accents on air vents and grab handles. The special is also fitted with sat nav plus an Alpine premium sound system and deep tinted sunscreen glass. Prices for the birthday models start at £34,765 for the 2-door 2.8 CRD Auto rising to £36,435 for the four-door 3.6 V6 Auto. Wrangler Sahara, Overland and Rubicon models have been given new kit, including front side airbags, deep-tint sunscreen glass, 18-inch Rubicon satin alloy wheels, Mopar slush mats and black, heated leather seats. The Jeep Wrangler range now starts at £31,840 for the two-door Sahara 2.8 CRD Auto, rising to £34,910 for the four-door Rubicon 3.6 V6 Auto.



#### British car workers 'best in Europe'

**By: Robin Roberts** 

WORKERS in UK motor vehicle manufacturing are the most efficient in Europe, according to leading automotive economist Professor Garel Rhys. The former head of Cardiff Business School and President of the Centre for Automotive Industry Research Cardiff University, Prof Rhys also said Europe has more to lose if it "rashly" introduces tariffs on trade. "Official figures for UK motor industry employment is 162,000 in 2015 which gives productivity epigure of 10.5 vehicles-per-employee," said Prof Rhys. "This order of magnitude of productivity explains why, in gross value added per head, UK motor industry employment efficiency is the highest in Europe," To this industrial figure must be added employees in components manufacturing, motor retail, service and repair, logistic companies and related support services which bring the overall total to 814,000, he added. "The Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, to increase its political clout a few years ago lumped all the employees into one figure but this backfired on them when you then divided that total into the number of vehicles made which suggested UK motor manufacturing was highly inefficient compared to the rest of Europe and last year it would have been 2.1 vehicles per employee. "Lucklify this is not the case and when you use the official figure of 162,000 industry workers in 2015 it gives a productivity figure of 10.5 vehicles-per-employee, the highest in Europe," he said. Prof Rhys, who is characteristic and the said of the work of the said of the said of the work of the said of the w WORKERS in UK motor vehicle manufacturing are the mos base for components and manufacturing. "Imports from the EU no sense."



#### SKODA TOPS FOR RELIABILITY

**By: Stewart Smith** 



CZECH car maker Skoda has topped the ranks of automotive brands for vehicle dependability in of automotive brands for vehicle dependability in the UK. The company has recorded back-to-back victories in the J.D. Power UK Vehicle Dependability Study with two models, the Fabia and Yeti, topping their sector for quality and reliability. The study measured problems experienced during the past 12 months by original owners of vehicles in the UK after 12-36 months of ownership. The findings were based on responses from more than 13,000 owners of 2013-2015 models.

J.D. Power examined 177 problem symptoms across J.D. Power examined 17/ problem symptoms across eight categories: engine and transmission; vehicle exterior; driving experience; features/controls/displays, audio/communication/entertainment/navigation, seats, heating, ventilation and cooling and vehicle interior. Overall dependability was determined by the number of problems experienced per 100 vehicles with a lower score reflecting higher quality. Skoda ranked the highest for vehicle dependability with a score of 66 – an even better result than the brand recorded in last year. The overall result than the brand recorded in last year. The overall industry average was 113 problems per 100 vehicles. The 2016 survey also studied vehicle dependability in key sectors and, once again, Skoda models were at the top of two categories. The Fabia was ranked at the most dependable car in the Small Car category, while the Yeti finished top of the Compact SUV sector. The Octavia also performed well, finishing second in the Compact Car category. In the overall J. D. Power study, Suzuki ranked second with 79 PP100, followed by Kia with 80 PP100; Yauxhall with 90 PP100; and Peugeot and Volkswagen in a tie with 92 PP100 each. The overall industry average is 113 PP100, a slight improvement from 114 PP100 in 2015. After the Fabia and Yeti, the Ford B-MAX, Kia Picanto, Mercedes-Benz E-Class, Toyota Auris and Vauxhall Insignia were the most dependable models in their respective classes. their respective classes.

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## ontheroad

#### **MAZDA2 HAS RED LETTER DAY**

**By: Stewart Smith** 

MAZDA is offering a special edition supermini but only 400 versions of this up-market Mazda2 are being offered - and it goes on sale from September 1. It's called the Mazda2 Red Edition and is based on the 90bhp SE-L Nav Mazda2 model. The special comes with extra equipment and offered with a choice of Snowflake White Pearlescent or Black Mica paint, and the Red Edition's design cues include 'Soul Red' accents on the wing mirror covers, rear spoiler and rear underskirt and the sporty look can be enhanced

with optional £300 Dark Gunmetal 15-inch alloy wheels. Inside, the red theme continues with red cloth seat trim, red knee pad inserts and red door trim inserts, while a red and white panel on the dash adds a large sweep of colour across the dash. Power comes from Mazda's 90bhp 1.5-litre SKYACTIV-G petrol engine which is rated at 62.8mpg and CO2 emissions of 105g/km. The Red Edition is priced from £14,995 which is £600 more than the regular model



#### SCOTLAND'S MISSING E-TYPE FOUND

By: Mike Torpey

A missing Jaguar E-Type, one of the most sought-after early examples of the model, has been discovered in Scotland and will go under the hammer at the Silverstone Classic on July 30-31. The location of the 1961 Jaguar E-Type Series 1 Roadster, chassis #62 and one of the first 92 right-hand models produced, has been a mystery to classic car historians for decades. With most of the first 20 cars produced being allocated for competition use, the first road cars - distinguished by their outside bonnet locks - were supplied in July 1961 to Jaguar dealerships to be used as demonstrators. This car was dispatched to Scotland that month via Henleys of London for demo use in the Edinburgh area and was eventually acquired by its fifth and current owner in 2013 - a resident of Deskford, Moray, who was unaware that he was in possession of this 'Holy Grail' car. Now to be offered on the open market for



the first time, and reinstated as a surviving early example with its Jaguar Heritage Certificate, Chassis #62 will go to auction with a sale estimate of between £140,000 and £170,000.

#### **NEW FIAT QUBO FOR THE UK**

**By: Stewart Smith** 

FIATS little Qubo MPV has been given a major update and is going on sale in the UK with new-look styling and a more up-market interior. The latest Qubo retains its superminisize 396-metre long and 1.7-metre wide dimensions with room for five adults and a large 250-litte boot – which grows to 650 litres when the parcel shelf is out or 2,500 litres with the rear seats removed. It can also be equipped with an optional folding front passenger seat allowing long objects of up to 2.5-metres to be carried. The Qubo has a new exterior look with larger, high-mounted headlamps plus a new front grille and chunky new front bumper. Trekking versions with greater ground clearance and an advanced traction system to give more all-weather capability – also get new skid plates panels in the front and rear bumpers, as well as special side mouldings, both with silver inserts, and special Trekking alloy wheels with mud-and-snow tyres. The interior on all versions is improved with new steering wheel design, black miror-finish detailing on the steering wheel espokes and centre console surround, new instruments, new seat upholstery and new infotainment options including a new Uconnect system with a five-inch colour touchscreen and Bluetooth connectivity, USB and aux-in-ports as well as the option of satellite navigation. It will be offered in three trim levels: Pop. Lounge and Trekking with standard equipment on the entry level Pop model including remote



door mirrors, body coloured bumpers and mirror covers, height-adjustable driver's seat with lumbar support and an arm rest and opening rear quarter-light windows. The Pop version is powered by Fiast 77bhp 1.4-litre petrol engine the Lounge comes with an 80bhp 1.3-litre Multijet II turbo diesel power pack or the 1.4 petrol, and the Trekking version comes with a 95bhp 1.3-litre Multijet II turbo diesel. Price for the Pop is £11,695, the Lounge starts at £12,695 and the Trekking comes in at £16,695.



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## **Sport on sunday**

## Calls for Russia ban are warranted



WE'RE just under two weeks away from the start of the 2016 Olympic Games, but 'The Greatest Show on Earth' has a huge shadow hanging over it after the full extent of Russia's alleged state-sponsored doping programme was revealed. We already know Russian

We already know Russian athletes, apart from a select few competing neutrally, will take no part in Rio after the Court of Arbitration for Sport mercifully upheld the IAAF's ban, which was imposed in November last year.

For many this isn't enough after a WADA-commissioned report, led by Canadian law professor Dr Richard McLaren, claimed that as many as 580 positive drug tests from 30 different sports were covered up between 2011 and 2015.

This was apparently done by



disposing of urine samples and replacing them with frozen samples that were given by that athlete before they began doping and gave the impression they were

competing clean.
Seeing as around 130 of these were from athletics, it's

no surprise that their appeals were given short shrift by an authority (CAS) sometimes known for its leniency.

But given the scale of Russia's deception, we're left with the very real prospect of an Olympics taking place without one of its leading nations because it decided it no longer wanted to play fair. The McLaren Report claims

The McLaren Report claims that Russia decided to cheat after the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver, where they won what they felt was an 'abysmal' 15 medals.

Normally when a country

performs below expectations at an Olympics, they improve their sporting infrastructure to make sure the same mistakes are not repeated.

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Great Britain is a perfect example of this. In Atlanta in 1996, they came away with just 15 medals, with Steve

Redgrave and Matthew Pinsent bringing home the one and only gold. This persuaded the authori-

This persuaded the authorities urgent changes had to be made to British sport, which was given much greater funding for a more professional approach to be adopted.

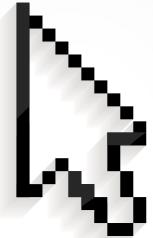
approach to be adopted. This has brought results ever since, with the next Games in Sydney bringing 28 medals (11 golds) and things have skyrocketed to the extent that Team GB came away from London 2012 with 65 medals and 29 golds.

Instead, Russia has decided to take shortcuts by doping a large number of its athletes, thus cheating those from competing nations out of medals.

They are not the only country guilty of this, but their doping programme is on such a scale that it's left people struggling to believe what they're seeing on the track or in the field is genuine.

If the same is true in other sports, such as swimming, gymnastics or weightlifting then we simply can't trust Russia and if that's the case a blanket ban is completely warranted.

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## Staffordshire break down Howgego resistance

#### CRICKET

A CENTURY from opener Ben Howgego wasn't enough for Bedfordshire, as they were unable to save themselves from defeat on the final day of their Minor Counties Championship match against Staffordshire.

With Beds set an improbable 489 to win, Howgego came up with his second ton of the season – 101 off 177 balls – as part of a 148-run partnership with captain Andy Reynoldson either side of lunch.

But once the former Northamptonshire man was dismissed, the hosts fell in a heap, eventually losing their last six wickets for just 59 runs in what was their second Championship defeat of the season.

In truth, Staffordshire controlled this match practically from start to finish, not least thanks to their opener Kadeer Ali (brother of England international Moeen Ali) striking centuries in both innings.

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Bedfordshire won the toss and chose to field, but after Chris Watt took the visitors' first two wickets, Staffs' Peter Wilshaw smashed a brilliant 98 off just 84 balls, including four sixes.

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By the time Ali perished on 135, the damage had very much been done and after Tim Maxfield continued to make them toil by blasting 64. Staffordshire declared.

To cap a testing first day for Bedforshire, they ended



LOSING EFFORT: Ben Howgego stuck his second ton of the season

it on 66-3 after losing Jay Parmar and night-watchman Colin Griggs in quick succession just before the close. Wickets continued to tumble at regular intervals on day two with only Luke Thomas and wicketkeeper Nick Barden providing any real resistance with 74 and 56 respectively.

The medium pace of Brinder Pragura proved to be particularly troublesome for the hosts, as he took 5-63 to help earn the visitors a first-innings lead of 228.

However, they chose not to enforce the follow-on, instead deciding to keep their foot firmly on Bedfordshire's throat, as Ali raced towards his second ton of the match.

The former Worcestershire and Leicestershire batsmen

eventually hammered 129 off just 109 deliveries, including 13 fours and six sixes, as part of a secondwicket stand of 193 with Tom Steele, who added 76.

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big enough lead to defend,
the hosts were given just
over a day to save themselves, but when Reynoldson
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Howgego had by then fallen in the same manner to Paul Byrne, who took 4-77, and Staffordshire were to run through Bedfordshire's tail, confirming their victory when Willott dismissed Dean Bryce.

## **Sport on sunday**

### Marriott commits future to Hatters

JACK Marriott insists he never looked at the possibility of joining another club this summer after signing a new three-year contract at Luton Town on Wednesday. The 21-year-old's new deal was a

reward for a superb first season at Kenilworth Road, after signing from Ipswich Town, that saw him finish the campaign as the Hatters

top scorer with 16 goals.

And the signs are good for next season after Marriott scored an 11-minute hat-trick in the 9-0 preseason thrashing of Bedford Town last weekend.

Marriott said: "I'm more than happy to sign for another three years. I've never been looking to leave because I'm settled at Luton Town and the club is heading in the right direction.

"We've got all the plans for the new stadium, the manager has got high ambitions for where he wants to take the club and I want to be a part of all of that."

Marriott reserved praise for the Hatters' manager Nathan Jones, saying: "The performances have improved and the signings he's brought in - as well as the young players he's given a chance to have made everyone up their

## 'Jack has been outstanding'



NUMBER ONE FAN: Nathan Jones praised Jack Marriott's recent form

#### **FOOTBALL**

#### **BY JAMES CUNLIFFE**

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MANAGER Nathan Jones believes Luton have shown their ambition by tving hotshot striker lack Marriott down to a new three-year contract.

The 21-year-old fired a brace to beat Championship side Brighton 2-1, with his opener coming in 25 seconds. He's now blasted five pre-season goals in two outings and, after finishing last season as Town's top scorer, he this week penned his third contract extension since signing on a one-year deal last May.

He's now signed up to stay at Kenilworth Road until 2019 and Jones said: "Jack's clinical and that's what he's showing.

"He's been outstanding so far in pre-season. If he only didn't have sunstroke the other day, he probably would have scored even more.

"He's in good form at the moment.

He's come back sharp and that's why we've taken the chance to renew his contract for even longer. The club have been fantastic with that, to be fair, and shown their ambition."

Marriott said: "It was pleasing to get it

was something we were looking to do. [something] the gaffer was looking to do and I was just glad to get it sorted out and signed. I'm looking forward to the future

It is understood that Luton had to rebuff transfer interest in the forward this summer, but Marriott said: "The club is going in the right direction. I've never been looking to leave." The Hatters also added another

striker to their roster prior to the Brighton victory, with trialist Isaac Vassell handed a one-year deal.

The 22-year-old, who scored 24 goals in two seasons at National League South side Truro City, missed the Seagulls test with an illness after featuring against Bedford and Boreham

"We won't want to compare him with anyone because he hasn't been brought in to be like Jack Marriott; we want a different one, otherwise we wouldn't have brought him in," said Jones, adding: "I would imagine if you're going to compare him to anyone it's Andre Gray, but he's not Andre Gray, he's Isaac Vassell.

"We'd love to get him to a level where he's in that category, but it's early stages, let's let him settle in, let's work with him and see where he goes.



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## Hatters ace doubles up

**FOOTBALL** 

BY JAMES CUNLIFFE

#### **LUTON TOWN BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION**

LUTON boss Nathan Jones might be best served by wrapping Jack Marriott in cotton wool and storing the striker away until the first game of the season. He is ready.

And, on the evidence here, so too are the manager's new-look Hatters side, or squad, to

It's one thing to smash an 11-minute hat-trick in a 30-minute, second half pre-season cameo against non-league Bedford, but Marriott needed only 25 seconds to smash one past

needed only 25 seconds to smash one past Championship Brighton. And, after the Seagulls had levelled against the run of play, just before the break, the hit-man – Town's top scorer last term – notched his fifth goal in two games. It's a very good job indeed that, earlier in the week, the Hatters tied Marriott down to a new

three-year contract to keep him in this parish until 2019, or Jones might have also needed to turn his phone off until the transfer window shuts on August 31.

Yet there was much more for him and the Kenilworth Road crowd to drool over as – barring Tom Cadman and Will Collar – Albion fielded a team full of first-team players but

were decidedly second best.
Alongside Marriott, Danny Hylton was a menace up top and should have scored his second and third of the summer while, in Alan Sheehan, Town appear to have uncovered a dead-ball specialist, who is equally adept at



MAIN MAN: Jack Marriott celebrates his second goal against Brighton, which proved to be the winner

pinging a series of laser-guided, counterattack-ready Hollywood balls to wide men.

Elsewhere, Cameron McGeehan was played in his most effective, advanced midfield position, Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu was allaction, Scott Cuthbert returned from injury and six Hatters youngsters were given more game time in the second period.

Those young guns should look no further

than Marriott for inspiration of how to take vour chance, both in terms of first-team

your chance, both in terms of first-team football and in front of goal.

Still only 21 years old himself, he opened the scoring in lightning-quick fashion, latching onto a misplaced pass by Lewis Dunk, ruth-lessly punishing the Brighton centre back with a low scorcher from the 18-yard line. Not bad for a man who missed Tuesday's Boreham

McGeehan and Hylton both went close as the Hatters strutted some silky stuff, which meant that the visitors had to wait until the 36th minute for a shot at goal, with Anthony Knockaert clipping the top of the crossbar with a free-kick.

When Brighton did pull themselves level with a 42nd minute Dunk header it was more down to a lack of concentration from Town's defence, which was the only real cause for concern, as Rohan Ince and the skipper both had the freedom of Kenilworth Road at the back stick.

Hylton should have restored Luton's lead just before the break but headed wide and then, after the interval, Johnny Mullins was denied at the back post by goalie Niki Maenpaa and Mpanzu's follow-up was scooped off the line by Dunk. The supplier for both chances? Sheehan.

For a team that had barely been threatened, Luton were saved for the second time by the woodwork when Elvis Manu slipped through

on goal and smashed the underside of the bar. While that was just poor finishing from the Albion striker, Hylton did everything right at the other end but was denied by a stunning Maenpaa save, straight out of the Gordon Banks school of goalkeeping. But strike partner Marriott was soon on the

scoresheet again, supplying a cool, confident flick from close range after a short corner routine from Sheehan and O'Donnell.

This, like most friendlies, will get filed away under 'the score doesn't really matter' but the performance should spread new-season-anticipation like wildfire among the Hatters faithful - not least because, in Marriott, Luton have a one-man heatwave.

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